



# TALK IT OVER

GOD, ARE YOU THERE? | PART 3 | PASTOR TROY STEIN

## KEY SCRIPTURES

*Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.*

**2 Corinthians 12:8-9 NLT**

### Three Things To Remember

1. True prayer isn't about getting our way but surrendering our will.
2. Prayer reminds us we are not in control and keeps us close to the one who is.
3. Prayer isn't just asking but trusting.

"God's grace fills the gap between our pain and His promises."

Me: "This is what I need."  
God: "No, I'm what you need."

## START TALKING

What's something funny you regularly ask God to do? Find keys, no red lights ...? What's the most outlandish prayer you've said or heard?

## START THINKING

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7. Paul says the thorn was "given" to him. Why? By whom? What do you think about this verse?

Troy described prayer as surrendering our will, not getting our way. Which do your prayers sound like? How would you shift?

What would you have to do differently to realize God's grace is simply enough?

## START PRAYING

Jesus, this is a sore subject. Sometimes we feel like You're uncooperative to solve our pain. The truth is, we want Your will instead of our way. You, not what You can do, but You alone are what we need. Thank You for being enough. In Jesus' powerful Name, Amen.

## START DOING

Tell God and someone else about something you've been holding against God. Begin trusting Him to come through for you in His way in this area.